



Homeless Youth & Young Adult (YYA) Stakeholder Forum



6/25/2013 | 2 – 3:30pm | Renton Library | A monthly opportunity to hear about
the changes planned for our homeless YYA system in King County

Welcome & Introductions

∞ Welcome

- Megan Gibbard
- Homeless YYA Project Manager, King County

Objectives

- ✧ Frame the purpose & scope of the *Comprehensive Plan to End YYA Homelessness in King County by 2020* (“Comprehensive YYA Plan/The Plan”)
- ✧ Share assumptions around YYA typology
- ✧ Review & give input re: Recommended Priority Activities
- ✧ Youth Housing Connection – Upcoming Trainings & Launch
- ✧ Cocoon House’s Project SAFE – Update

Comprehensive YYA Plan



Purpose & scope, next steps

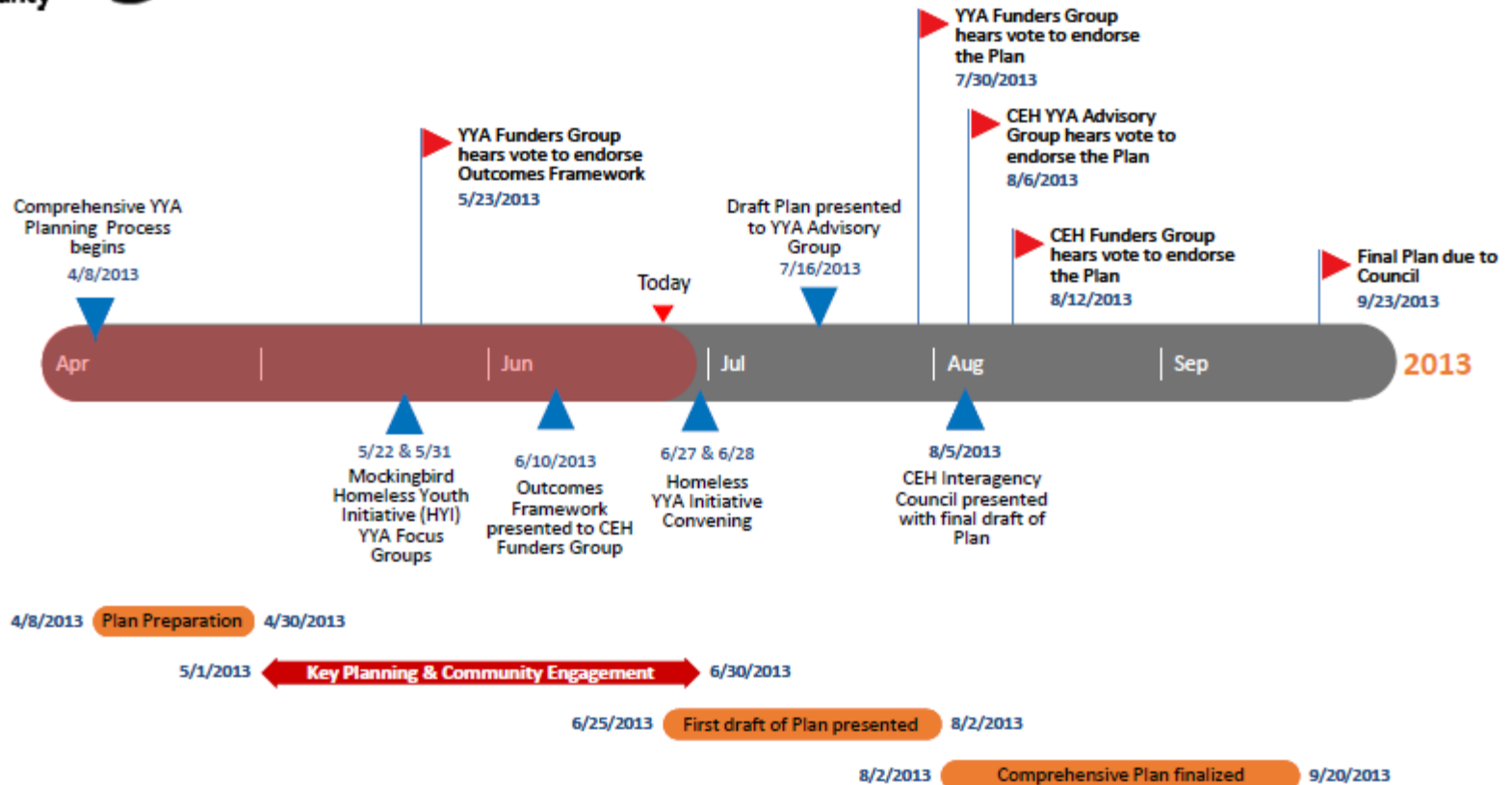
Timeline — Progress to date



Comprehensive Plan to End YYA Homelessness in King County by 2020

Planning Process Timeline & Key Decision Points

As of 6/10/2013



Comprehensive YYA Plan Purpose

∞ Continue moving us as a community – providers, funders, YYA, advocates – toward *better work with aligned purpose*

∞ Must be:

- Data driven
- Specific & clear in it's recommendations ..
- .. particularly around housing

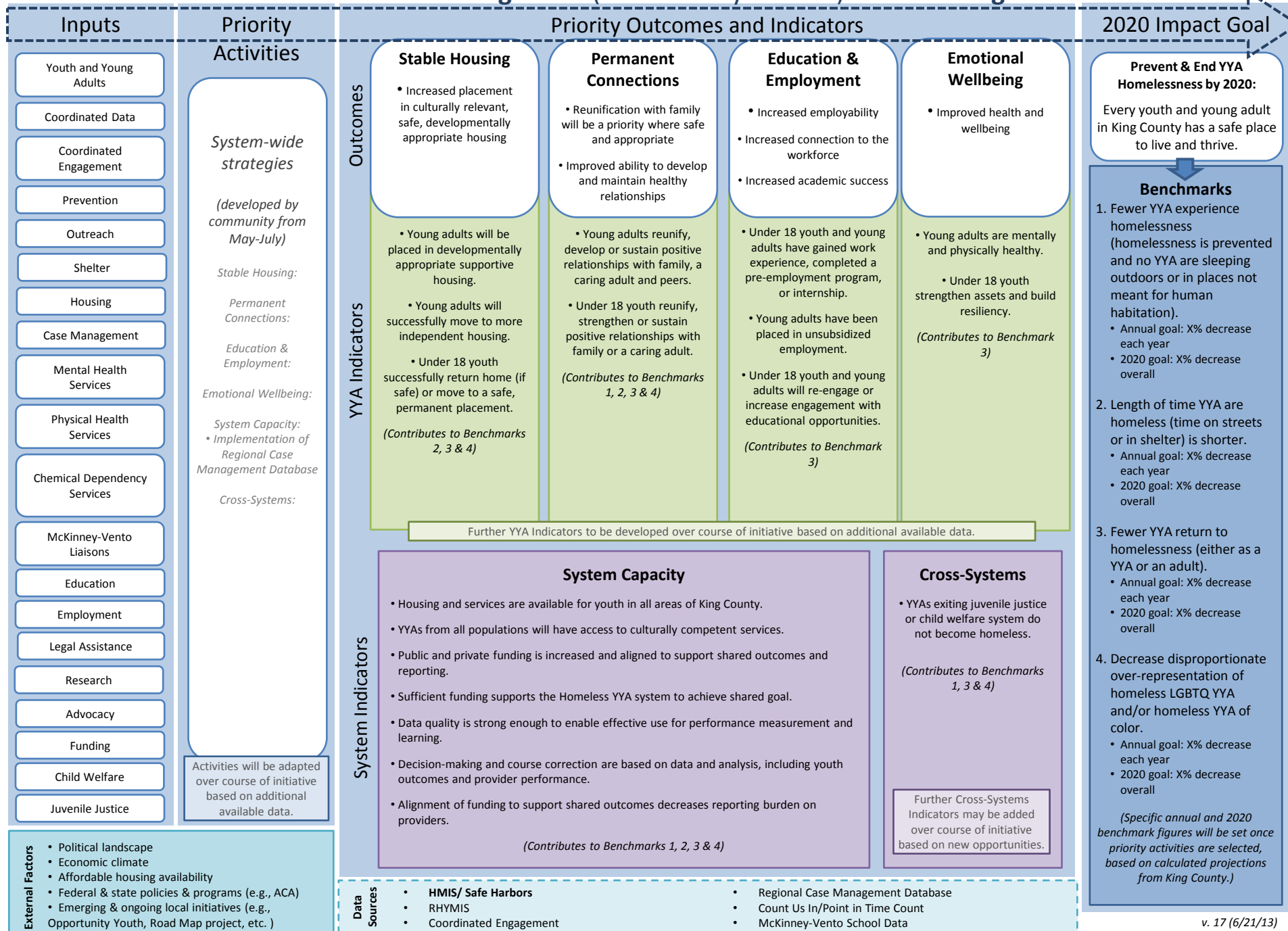
∞ Inherent Tension:

- Limits of existing data
- Specific scope

Comprehensive YYA Plan



Homeless Youth and Young Adult (YYA: 12-25 years old) Initiative Logic Model



Priority Activities: Context for Discussion

What we know/think we know/don't know:

- ✎ Baseline data
- ✎ Outcomes framework
- ✎ Homeless YYA typology

Criteria for decision-making:

- ✎ Implementable in coming year?
- ✎ Expected to move an indicator?

Typology Assumption

☞ 30% Temporarily Disconnected/Short Term (Low Need)

- No. 916

☞ Less risky behaviors and more positive connections, who are newly homeless or have only had brief episodes of homelessness, who are able to return home or find stable living in a relatively short period of time.

Typology Assumption

- ☞ **55% Unstably Connected/Episodic (Medium Need)**
 - No. 1,679
- ☞ Have been on the street for a longer time, are less connected to their families and mainstream institutions, are more involved in risky behaviors, are not able to return home and need more intensive housing and services to achieve stability.

Typology Assumption

- ☞ **15% Chronically Disconnected (High Need)**
- ☞ No. 456
- ☞ Experience multiple episodes of homelessness and struggle more with mental health, substance abuse issues.

Priority Activity Recommendations



Review & give input

Stable Housing

- ∞ Host Home Programs
- ∞ Housing Stabilization Team or After-Care Stability Team
- ∞ Additional Supportive Services Funding for Existing Housing Programs
- ∞ System Capacity for Additional, More Independent Housing Options
- ∞ Increase Units Dedicated to High-needs Youth in Capital Development Projects

Permanent Connections

- ✎ Capacity and Training for Staff to Better Connect YYAs with Family/Other Caring Adults
- ✎ Capacity for Staff to Provide Clinical Aftercare when a YYA Returns Home
- ✎ Work with DSHS to re: Youth Who are at Risk of Exiting the Child Welfare System into Homelessness
- ✎ Work with the Juvenile Justice System re: Youth Who are at Risk of Exiting the Corrections System into Homelessness

Education & Employment

- ✎ Expansion of Learning Center North Model
- ✎ Education and Employment Specialists/Navigators
- ✎ Internship Programs

Emotional Wellbeing

- ∞ Mobile/System-wide Mental Health/Chemical Dependency Team
- ∞ Wraparound Services

Priority Activity Discussion

Stable Housing

- Increased placement in culturally relevant, safe, developmentally appropriate housing

Permanent Connections

- Reunification with family will be a priority where safe and appropriate
- Improved ability to develop and maintain healthy relationships

Education & Employment

- Increased employability
- Increased connection to the workforce
- Increased academic success

Emotional Wellbeing

- Improved health and wellbeing

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Youth Housing Connection



[The new name for coordinated engagement] – Training Updates

Youth Housing Connection - Trainings

☞ **PLACEMENT COORDINATORS & BACK UP STAFF:** If you are listed as a Placement Coordinator or back up staff on your program inventory, **you must attend one of the following trainings:**

- June 24th from 1pm – 3pm at Seattle Municipal Tower
- June 26th from 10am – 12pm at Seattle Municipal Tower

☞ **YYA PROVIDERS:** If you are a YYA provider who will be impacted by this new system, one of these is a good training to attend.

- June 26th from 12:30-2:30, 2100 Building
- June 27th from 9:00-11:00am, Tukwila Community Center

Community Sign In “Front Doors”

- ❖ Auburn Youth Resources: Teen Feed, Drop in
- ❖ Friends of Youth: Drop in, The Landing
- ❖ New Horizons Ministries: Drop In
- ❖ PSKS: Drop in
- ❖ ROOTS: YA Shelter
- ❖ Sanctuary Arts Center: Arts Center Drop in
- ❖ Street Youth Ministries: Drop in
- ❖ Teen Feed: U District, AYR, South Seattle (modified?)
- ❖ UDYC: Drop in
- ❖ YMCA: The Center
- ❖ YouthCare: James W. Ray Orion Center, YA Shelter

Community Sign In Upcoming

Community Sign In Training

- Monday July 8th
 - 9 – 10:30am, Safe Harbors Training Room, OR
 - 1:30 – 3pm, Safe Harbors Training Room, OR
- Tuesday July 9th
 - 10:30am – noon

Email megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov to RSVP

- Anticipated Soft Launch Weeks of July 8th and 15th
- Anticipated Community Sign In Launch July 22nd

Cocoon House's Project SAFE



Updates

Save the date:

Next YYA Stakeholder Forum

July 23rd, 2 – 3:30pm



Location TBD